

House Watch

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FINAL PASSAGE

[HB 4343](#)

(Ebli)

The bill would add a new Part 342 to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to ratify the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

- Committee substitute H-3 not adopted
- Ebli substitute H-5 was adopted
- Griffin 2A not adopted
- Robertson 2B adopted
- HB 4343 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4343 was passed [RC 389: 108 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

[HB 5067](#)

(Brown)

Water withdrawals: House Bill 5067 would adopt a guiding principle for the Department of Environmental Quality's Part 327 decisions, allow county prosecuting attorneys and affected persons to sue to enforce Part 327, and increase the maximum allowable civil fine.

- Committee substitute H-2 was adopted
- Griffin-2 was not adopted
- HB 5067 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5067 was passed [RC 390: 101 yes, 7 no]
- IE was ordered

[HB 5072](#)

(Valentine)

Water withdrawals: House Bill 5072 would specify registration and reporting requirements for bottled drinking water producers; amend when a permit is required and the standards for issuance of a permit; and provide for greater public involvement and access to information.

- Committee substitute H-6 was adopted
- Griffin-2 was not adopted
- HB 5072 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5072 was passed [RC 391: 99 yes, 9 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6019

(Warren)

Under House Bill 6019, upon receipt of a report of patient mistreatment or abuse by a nursing home administrator, nursing director, or an employee of a nursing home, the Department of Community Health would have to notify the nursing home at which the reported abuse or mistreatment is alleged to have occurred.

- Committee amendment not adopted
- Warren substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 6019 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6019 was passed [RC 386: 106 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6014

(Hammon)

The bill (as introduced) would amend Part 802 (Personal Watercraft) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act which governs the use of personal watercraft (e.g., jet skis) on the waters of the state. The bill would make the following changes: Begin nighttime ban at sunset. Under the bill, the ban on the nighttime use of personal watercraft on waters of the state would begin at sunset, not one hour before. It would end at 8 a.m., as is currently the case. Ban use by children under 16 in 2010. The bill would ban the use of personal watercraft by persons under the age of 16 effective October 1, 2010.

- Committee substitute H-2 was adopted
- Agema-2 was adopted
- HB 6014 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6014 was passed [RC 387: 83 yes, 24 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4444

(Spade)

The bill would amend the Youth Tobacco Act to increase penalties for selling or furnishing tobacco to a minor. It establishes separate, higher penalties for sales at a distance.

The current misdemeanor fine is \$50 per violation. The bill would increase the fines to: -\$100 for a first violation; \$250 for a second violation; and \$500 for a third or subsequent violation.

-If the violation is an Internet, mail order, or telephone sale of a tobacco product to a person under 18: \$500 for a first violation, \$1,000 for a second violation; and \$2,000 for a third or subsequent violation.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- Spade-2 was adopted
- HB 4444 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4444 was passed [RC 388: 99 yes, 9 no]
- IE was ordered